

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF[261]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 15.104 and 15.106, the Iowa Department of Economic Development proposes to amend Chapter 68, "High Quality Job Creation (HQJC) Program," Chapter 174, "Wage, Benefit, and Investment Requirements," and Chapter 175, "Application Review and Approval Procedures," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments update the rules that govern requests for wage waivers under the HQJC program, the IVF (2005) funding source, and the CEBA program. The amendments allow an applicant, under certain limited conditions, to request that the Iowa Economic Development Board waive wage and nonstatutory CEBA program requirements for businesses that have sustained substantial physical damage as a result of a natural disaster in a presidentially declared disaster area. The amendments update the HQJC program rules by rescinding references to the Board's ability to waive other eligibility requirements because the statutory section that authorized the waiver of other eligibility requirements, Iowa Code section 15.337, has been repealed.

Public comments concerning the proposed amendments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 4, 2008. Interested persons may submit written or oral comments by contacting Mike Farley, Business Finance, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; telephone (515)242-4853.

A public hearing to receive comments about the proposed amendments will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on December 4, 2008, at the above address in the ICN/Main Conference Room.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 7316B**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 15, 15E and 15G.